



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1441

premiums; rates; long-term care insurance

Prime Sponsor: Senator Barto, LD 15

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OVERVIEW

SB 1441 makes various changes to Arizona's long-term care insurance laws relating to premium increases by insurers.

SUMMARY OF STRIKE-EVERYTHING AMENDMENT

The strike-everything amendment to SB 1441 is an emergency measure that requires the Department of Insurance (DOI) to adopt rules relating long-term care insurance.

PROVISIONS

1. Instructs DOI adopt rules that substantially conform to model regulations as adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) relating to long-term care insurance.
2. Exempts DOI from rulemaking for one year, except DOI is required to provide public notice for public comment on the proposed rules at least 60 days before the rules are amended or adopted.
3. Repeals the requirement to adopt rules July 1, 2018.
4. Contains an emergency clause.

CURRENT LAW

The director of DOI is authorized to adopt reasonable rules that establish specific standards for policy provisions of and loss ratio standards for long-term care insurance policies, as well as promote premium adequacy and protect policy holders in the event of substantial rate increases ([A.R.S. § 20-1691.02](#)).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The [NAIC](#) adopted model regulations for long-term care insurance. In 2014, the NAIC made revisions to the model regulation relating to premium rate schedule increases ([Model 641](#)).